Setting up of Haldia Petrochemical Project

1456. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 697 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th July, 1989 and state:

(a) what is the expected cost of the Haldia Petrochemical Project and its estimated production; and

(b) whether the above project will be in private sector or in the public sector

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) The West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. has since applied for a fresh letter of intent for a large sized petrochemical complex at Haldia, conforming to the minimum economic sizes prescribed for such projects. It has been indicated in the application that the estimated capital cost of the complex was around Rs. 3,000 crores and that it was proposed to be implemented in joint sector.

The application is under process.

Cement production in the country

1457. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the production of cement in the country during the period from July 1988 to January 31, 1990, State-wise;

(b) how much quantity was taken during the said period as levy and at what rate; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to increase the production of cement and what incentives are likely to be given to the industry?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The required information is given in Statement (*See* below.

(b) The required information is given in Annexure (*See* Appendix CLIII, Annexure No. 64)

(c) The following steps have been taken by Government to boost the Production of cement:—

(i) The production of cement is closely monitored by the Office of the Development Commissioner for Cement Industry. The DCCI renders assistance to the Cement Industry. for making availagle various inputs like coal, power and wagons by taking up the matter with pthe concerned authorities, namely, the State Electricity Boards. Ministry of Railways, Department of Coal, Coal Organisations, etc.

(ii) The industry is encouraged to undertake schemes for productivity enhancement, upgradation of technology, installation of energy conservation equipments, modernisation and rehabilitation. Import of technology and capital goods is permitted where necessary, for this purpose.

(iii) The cement industry has been advised to instal sufficient captive power generating capacity. Import of diesel generating sets not indigenously available is permitted for this purpose.

(iv) With effect from 1-3-1989, price and distribution controls have been removed. It is expected that with this measure the groyth of cement industry would be accelerated.

(v) Rebate in central excise duties are allowed to newer units. The excise duty on cement manufactured by Mini Cement Plants with certain specified capacities has been reduced by Rs. 100/- per tonne from the general effective rate.

Statement

Statewise Cement Production by large size and mini cement factories during July '88 to January, 1990.

(In lakh tonnes)

	Cement Production by		Total
	Large size plant	Mini Cement plant	
NORTH			
Jammu & Kashmir	2.73	0.28	3.01
Haryana	8.93	0.12	9.05
Himachal Pradesh	14.53	0.66	15.19
Uttar Pradesh	18.39	1.91	20.30
Rajasthan	77.99	6.61	84.60
Total North	122.57	9.58	132.15
EAST			
Assam	2.49	0.28	2.77
Bihar	17.84	0.50	18.34
Arunachal Pradesh	..	0.03	0.03
Orissa	15.48	1.91	17.39
West Bengal	5.87	..	5.87
Meghalaya	1.25	..	1.25
Total East	42.93	2.72	45.65
WEST			
Gujarat	54.80	4.01	58.81
Maharasthra	49.74	1.23	50.97
Madhya Pradesh	170.09	6.01	176.10
Total West	274.63	11.25	285.88
SOUTH			
Karnataka	56.24	1.61	57.85
Kerala	3.92	0.41	4.33
Andhra Pradesh	106.26	11.31	117.57
Tamil Nadu	58.64	2.23	60.87
Total South	225.06	15.56	240.62
Grand Total	665.19	39.11	704.30

NOTE:—The production data are provisional.